MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the paper "Navasakti" is placed in the Press Room?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the Government Officers and the officer concerned with the Press Room used to read the "Navasakti" paper?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Government have no information as to the officers who read the "Navasakti" paper.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether the officers in the Press Room read the papers which they get at the cost of the Government?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Yes.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: May I know whether this information as to the interference of Dr. Hilkiah in the Assembly election has come to the notice of Government?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: No.

MR. P. PADMANABHAN TAMPI: Will the Government be pleased to enquire into the allegation contained in the paper?

MR. N. S. RAMAN PILLAI: Government have not got any information. But, if found necessary, they have no objection to make an enquiry.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know why this paper is subscribed for by Government?

PRESIDENT: That does not arise.

Fall in the price of cocoanuts and paddy.

63. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have made any investigation into the cause of the fall in the price of cocoanuts and paddy, and if so, what?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): The Economic Depression Enquiry Committee have, during the course of their enquiry, made an investigation into the causes of the fall in the prices of cocoanuts and paddy, and their findings have been published in paragraphs 87 and 94 of their report.

MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Do the Government propose to reduce the export duty on cocoanuts?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: I claim notice.

Licenses cancelled and shops re-sold from 1104—1108.

64. MR. M. N. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of licenses cancelled and shops re-sold during the years from 1104 to the end of 1108 owing to default of payment of kists by licensees, death of licensees, conviction of licensees in criminal cases and failure to complete the security by them?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*): The statement furnishing the information required for the years 1104 to 1107 is laid on the table.

It is too early to give the figures for 1108

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